

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Board of Selectman-Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting

Torrent Hall
February 25, 2008

Chairman Bishop opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Chairman Frank Bishop, Frank Bourque, Tim Auclair, Greg Bemis and Jim Tuttle

Also Present: Christopher Rose, Town Manger
Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director
Joyce Wood
Kathleen Bailey, Union Leader
Ms. Joyce Wood

Chair of the meeting led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Donation-Police Sanctuary Fund

Mr. Bishop opened the public hearing and asked for public comment on the Town's acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$400.00 for the Police Sanctuary Fund and for police officer education at 7:00pm. There was no public comment.

Mr. Bourque motioned to accept and expend the \$400.00 donation (subject to the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Chadwick), for the Police Sanctuary Fund and for police officer education. Mr. Bemis seconded. Mr. Bishop closed the Public Hearing on this agenda item at 7:02pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donation-Police Department

Mr. Bishop opened the public and asked for public comment on the Town's acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$100.00 for the Town of Raymond's Police Department at 7:02pm. There was no public comment.

Mr. Bemis motioned to accept and expend the \$100.00 donation (subject to the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hay) for the Raymond Police Department. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Mr. Bishop closed the Public Hearing on this agenda item at 7:04pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donation-Fire Department Sanctuary Fund

Mr. Bishop opened the public hearing and asked for public comment on the Town's acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Raymond Fire Department Sanctuary Fund and Firefighter education at 7:04pm. There was no public comment.

Mr. Bourque motioned to accept and expend the \$500.00 donation (subject to the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Chadwick) for the Fire Department Sanctuary Fund and education. Mr. Auclair seconded. Mr. Bishop closed the Public Hearing on this agenda item at 7:07pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acceptance of a Highway Block Grant

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Mr. Bishop opened the public hearing and asked for public comment on the Town's acceptance of a Highway Block Grant at 7:07pm.

Ms. Kathy Bailey, from The Union Leader, asked the Board how the money would be spent. Mr.

McCarthy, Director of Public Works, replied that this State funded grant would be spent on road rehabilitation/repairs, crack sealing, shimming overlay and minimal ditch work.

Mr. Auclair motioned to accept and expend this State funded Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$206,052.29. Mr. Bemis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Mr. Bishop closed the Public Hearing on this agenda item at 7:09pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Safety Committee-Scribner/Gile Road

Mr. Bishop stated he was unable to attend their last meeting and asked Mr. McCarthy to summarize for the Board of Selectmen what was discussed.

Mr. McCarthy replied that the only recommendation to the Board of Selectmen was to re-visit the issue of relocating the YIELD Sign at Scribner/Gile Road. The Yield sign is currently on Scribner Rd and that gives Gile Rd the Right-of-Way. He said the Highway Safety Committee has proposed to reverse it and have the Yield sign put on Gile Rd and not Scribner.

Mr. Bourque stated that unless the Board signs this he is concerned about a potential head on collision happening. He also suggested that if coming from the Police Station there should be a sign that stated: "Left Turn Must Yield".

Mr. Bemis motioned for the Board of Selectmen to reopen the issue of reversing the Yield sign at Scribner/Gile Rd. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Mr. Bishop abstained. **MOTION PASSED.**

2008 Voters Guide

Mr. Bishop asked about the status on the 2008 Voters Guide. Mr. Rose replied that according to Doris Gagnon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, the absentee ballots and the sample ballots have not arrived yet. Mr. Rose did provide the Board with the 2008 Voters' Guide he has prepared. He said that he welcomed any comments, questions or suggestions on the Guide.

Mr. Bourque asked if the Town has ever tried to explain the petition warrant articles in the Voters' Guide before. Mr. Rose replied that he doesn't believe the Town did it last year. Mr. Bourque agreed and said that he did not feel that it would be a good idea to have something like that included in the Guide to assist residents.

Mr. Bourque motioned to take all the comments off the Citizen's petition warrant articles, so the articles stand by themselves. Mr. Bemis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There was general discussion a few of the warrant articles.

Mr. Bourque motioned to allow Town Manager, Chris Rose, to distribute the 2008 Voter's Guide as amended. Mr. Bemis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bishop asked Mr. McCarthy for clarification as to the exact area for the new water line down Prescott Road. Mr. McCarthy stated that it runs along Route 27 to the old Railroad. He said it would tie in two existing lines.

Mr. Bourque asked Mr. McCarthy what size water mains run through there. Mr. McCarthy answered that there were 8" and 12" water mains. Mr. McCarthy indicated that for future work he would like to see 12" water mains.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. McCarthy what size water lines are on Essex Drive. Mr. McCarthy replied that they are 6" and 8". Mr. Bishop commented that in the future those water lines may need to be enlarged. Mr. McCarthy didn't think that will be necessary.

Mr. Auclair motioned that the Board approve the connection to the Town of Raymond water system for the 17 lot subdivision off Prescott Rd recommended by the Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy. Mr. Bemis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Exit 4 Update

Mr. Rose stated that the Town should have a signed agreement on the Moulton property shortly.

Mr. Rose also stated that the Preliminary Wetlands Permit from the State has already been obtained for the Brownfields Cleanup and currently, the Army Corps is looking it over.

Mr. Rose stated there is a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2008 to discuss sewer rates.

Mr. Bourque asked when the Town can anticipate a date to break ground for the cleanup of that site. Mr. Rose replied maybe in April or May.

Members held general discussion on the RFP that Ernie Creveling, Town Planner, is preparing.

Mr. Bourque requested that the Board be made aware of the date the RFP has gone out, is due back, when the award will be and when the work will start.

UCVR Fundraiser

Mr. Rose stated that this event has been scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2008, at 7pm. Mr. Bishop noted that the Board will not be meeting that night.

Solid Waste Contract and Recycling Collection

Mr. McCarthy stated that the proposed contract with Waste Management (WM) is the same contract as the Town has had for the last six years. He also stated that Waste Management has offered a reduction in cost if the Town had switched to a four day a week collection pickup as opposed to five days a week.

Mr. McCarthy explained some key points of the current contract with WM to the Board. He stated that this contract is good for three years. He also stated a few of the changes that took place were a three percent increase, a possible need toward cost for fuel usage, reduction of collection costs and tipping fees and in addition, if another company can meet or exceed the same contract with a twenty percent decrease from WM, then at that time Wm has the option to either meet their competitor's offered price and if not, allow the Town of Raymond to opt out of the contract anymore, penalty free.

Mr. McCarthy stated that WM should have the contract ready and signed by next week. Mr. Bishop requested that upon arrival of the contract the Board should get a copy of it to review.

Mr. Bourque brought up the recycling policy. He commented on the fact that the recycling trucks route is a separate route from the garbage truck and that if the Town wanted to they could change the recycling policy.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. McCarty what percentage of the contract represents recycling. Mr. McCarthy replied that it is fifty percent.

Mr. Bourque stated he would like to make it fair and allow all residents to be able to participate in the recycling program, even if they do not use the green pay-per-bag system.

Mr. Bemis motioned to change the current WM recycling pick up policy to pick up all recyclables (that are put in proper containers) and not just the residents who participate in the green pay-per-bag program. Mr. Bourque seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Bourque motioned to authorize Mr. Rose to sign the contract with WM as presented to the Board this evening. Mr. Bemis seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

Mr. Tuttle mentioned that three Board members attended the Boy Scout/Cub Scout event at the high School the day after the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Bourque stated that the Planning Board held an organizational meeting to look at a few items in the existing Master Plan.

Mr. Bishop stated he was unable to attend the Conservation Commission's last meeting, as he had obligations at the State level.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Rose stated he received a letter from Mike Shore, the Superintendent of Schools, in which he thanked and expressed his appreciation for Alan Fenstermaker, of the Raymond Highway Department, for his accurate accounts of the weather, and his assistance to the school district.

Mr. Rose stated he received a letter from the NH Department of Transportation that they are selling a parcel of State owned land (Tax Map 56, Lot 20). This parcel is approximately 4.7 acres and located between the southerly side of NH Route 101 and the northerly side of Green Road. This parcel is selling for \$100,000.00.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Rose if he knew when the Town ballots and the Town Warrant would be completed by the printer. Mr. Rose replied that it would be this upcoming Friday, February 29, 2008.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 4, 2008

Mr. Bourque stated that in the future he would like to see either first names, Selectmen or Mr. in front of last names.

Mr. Bourque also mentioned that on page three, fourth paragraph down, the word plotted needs to be changed to platted.

Mr. Auclair stated that also on page three, under the Board of Selectmen-Town Manager section, the first sentence needs to be changed to: Auclair stated that the Capital Improvement Committee is done for the year.

Mr. Auclair motioned to accept these minutes as amended. Mr. Bourque seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes of February 11, 2008

Mr. Bemis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Mr. Auclair and Mr. Bourque both abstained. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNEMNT

Mr. Auclair motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bourque seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

These minutes were approved as amended on March 17, 2008.

Minutes prepared by,

Lisa M Chapman
Executive Secretary

